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Dr. Maurice C. Ernst
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Dear Dr. Ernst:

I want to congratulate you and your staff on the excellence and usefulness of the Agency's publication, Handbook of Economic Statistics. I also want to thank you for making a review copy available to me on 7 January.

As you know, I subsequently requested through Dr. [REDACTED] some forty copies for distribution to the Council's Nuclear Fuel Policy Working Group. We are most grateful that you have made copies available for this purpose. The data summarized in the energy section will certainly prove helpful to all of us. For comparative purposes, I have made available to [REDACTED] on a confidential basis copy of our current draft on Nuclear Fuel Policy.

On a personal note, I can think of no more effective way of underscoring the quality of the Agency's research and statistical functions than through the release to the professional public of the kinds of data contained in polished form in your Handbook. I hope therefore that you and the Agency will consider this instance not as exceptional but rather as the modest beginning of a wider documentation and clearing-house function of high utility and moderate visibility. In fact, I would have a number of suggestions in this regard, some of which

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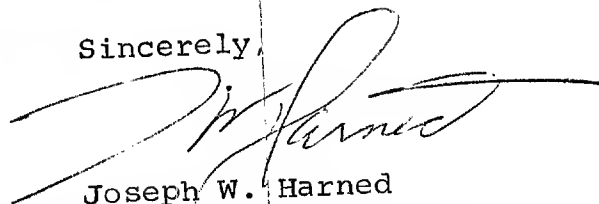
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I have mentioned to [REDACTED] and all of which I would
be prepared to discuss with you at your convenience.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



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Mr. John E. Gray, Chairman, Atlantic Council's Nuclear
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